

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL ASSISTANT DIRECTORS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CHIEFS

SUBJECT : Little Wagner Act

1. A Bill currently before the Congress, H.R. 554, known as the Little Wagner Act, guarantees to representatives of Government employees, including unions, certain rights in negotiating and representing employees with Government agencies. Recently an amendment was adopted which exempts CIA and the FBI from such guarantees. This is in no sense discriminatory against unions, but is merely a normal security precaution similar to the exemption of CIA from the Classification Act.

2. It may well be, however, that questions will arise concerning the purpose and effect of this exemption. Any inquiries on this subject, telephonic or otherwise, should be referred without discussion to the General Counsel.

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